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MEMORANDUM FOR Physician Assistant Emergency Medicine Training Candidates

SUBJECT: Course and application information for the Emergency Medicine Basic Skills Course, and the Emergency Medicine Basic Studies Course

1. Information regarding both courses is available through the Army Training Requirements and Resources System (ATRRS) at <https://www.atrrs.army.mil/>. The ATRRS site can be accessed through AKO and the AMEDD Knowledge Exchange but is most easily accessed directly through the link provided.
2. On the ATRRS home page, find the Course Catalog window in the upper right corner and click "Here" to search the ATRRS course catalog. The courses' official designations are:
 - a. Course 6H-A0627, EMERGENCY MED PHYSICIAN ASSIST BASIC SKILLS, is a two-week resident course.
 - b. Course 081-EMPA, EMERGENCY MEDICINE PA BASIC STUDIES, is a correspondence course.
3. Course 6H-A0627, EMERGENCY MED PHYSICIAN ASSIST BASIC SKILLS
 - a. Course dates. Up to date course dates can be obtained by contacting the undersigned.
 - b. Course prerequisites. Effective 11/14/2003, completion of introduction to Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and High Explosive (CBRNE), 081-CBRNE-W is mandatory before registering for any Professional Postgraduate Short Course Programs (PPSCP) course. Introduction to CBRNE can be located at <http://www.atrrs.army.mil>, under ATRRS channel directory, select self-development.
 - c. Course eligibility. Active Duty Army Physician Assistant (65D). Physician Assistants of the reserve components, Air Force, Navy, Coast Guard, Public Health Service, and Bureau of Prisons may attend on a space available basis. Completion of the Emergency Medicine Physician Assistant Basic Studies Correspondence course is strongly encouraged.
 - d. Course Scope. Effective as of 11/14/2003. This course reviews internal medicine, general surgery, orthopedics, ophthalmology, otorhinolaryngology, neurology, and emergency medicine. Emphasis is on the knowledge, skills and attitudes required for initial evaluation, management, and disposition of emergency patients. This course will incorporate a minimum of 1 hour of instruction on corps specific tasks in a CBRNE environment.

e. Transportation Information.

(1) Fort Sam Houston is located in the heart of San Antonio TX. The International Airport is located approximately 10 miles from the post. A Military Assistance booth is located inside the terminal and staffed from 0530 hours through the last arriving flight of the day, seven days a week. Taxi service is available to and from the post.

(2) Commercial bus service is located in downtown San Antonio with taxi service available to and from the post.

(3) Commercial taxi service is available on a 24-hour basis on and around post.

(4) At least one student per class will be reimbursed for POV or rental car, as applicable, with milage, to facilitate transportation of all students between BAMC and the Guesthouse.

f. Billeting. Students will stay at the Fort Sam Houston Guesthouse, building 592. Call (210) 357-2705 x5010 at your earliest opportunity to make/confirm room reservations.

g. Messing. Adequate dining facilities are available for all personnel at the Brooke Army Medical Center (BAMC) mess hall.

h. Uniforms. The Battle Dress Uniform (BDU) is the normal prescribed duty uniform for all classes. SCRUBS are permissible for clinical shifts and laboratory and are available at BAMC. The Army PT uniform with running shoes is required for all Army personnel training during morning PT hours. PT is conducted informally, own your own during the course. All students must have a field jacket with liner, or equivalent, during the period 1 October through 31 March. AF Form 538 must accompany Air Force personnel.

i. Reporting

(1) Orders. Bring at least seven (7) copies. Student personnel are cautioned to carefully read their orders prior to reporting with privately owned vehicles (POVs). Failure to do so may result in personal inconvenience and/or financial hardships.

(2) TDY officers report to Bldg 592 to sign-in for billeting and further instructions NET 0800 and NLT 1600 on the report day; 1-day before class starts.

(3) All students report to BAMC, Department of Emergency Medicine, room 141-1, at 0700 hours the first day of class.

j. Fund Cites. Fund cites are normally provided to students approximately 30 days prior to start date of course. Further assistance can be obtained from the Central Training Program Branch, Department of Health Education and Training, AMEDDC&S, at (210) 221-9113 or DSN 471-9113, FAX (210) 221-2823.

k. For specific information pertaining to any AMEDD numbered course, contact the Commanding General, AMEDDC&S, MCCS-HST (Registrar Services and Training Management Branch), 2250 Stanley Road, Suite 235, Ft Sam Houston TX 78234-6150. Call (210) 221-7349 or 8441 or DSN 471-7349/8441.

l. Useful phone numbers:

(1) EM PA Fellowship Associate Program Director and Basic Skills Course Director: 210-916-3598, DSN 429

(2) Fort Sam Houston Billeting: (210) 357-2705 x5010

(a) ARNG Liaison Officer (210) 221-7320

(b) USAR Liaison Officer (210) 221-6342

4. 081-EMPA, EMERGENCY MEDICINE PA BASIC STUDIES

a. Course Eligibility. Effective as of 4/1/2000. Active and reserve physician assistants of all U.S. Armed Forces and Federal agencies. Affiliation with the American Association of Physician Assistant is required for nonmilitary enrollees.

b. Course Scope. Effective as of 4/1/2000. To direct the Physician Assistant toward the level of professional, competence required to function in the area of medical treatment. This is an independent study program. Student must obtain the text: Emergency Medicine, A Comprehensive Study Guide, American College of Emergency Physicians, Fifth Edition.

c. For further assistance, contact the non-resident instruction branch at 2105 11th street, Bldg 4191, bay a, Fort Sam Houston TX 78234-5064, commercial 210-221-5877, DSN 471-5877, or toll free 1-800-344-2380. Last updated 1/10/2003.

5. New Mandatory Requirements:

a. In December 2001, The Army Surgeon General and AMEDDC&S Commander set a goal to include Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical training in every AMEDDC&S numbered course, to include PPSCP training. All PPSCP courses starting after 9 Marcy 2002 will include Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and High Explosive (CBRNE) course content.

b. All applicants must complete Internet Course 081-CBRNE-W, Introduction to CBRNE. Apply at <http://atrrs.army.mil>, under Self-Development. Instructions will be provided when the application is accepted. Completing this training is a requirement before PPSCP course enrollment. Non-Resident Instruction Branch will provide course Project Officers the names of individuals who have completed CBRNE training.

6. Professional Postgraduate Short Course Programs fund cite requests.

a. Request for attendance MUST be sent NTL 60 days before the start date of the requested course.

b. Active Component soldiers apply by submitting DA Form 3838 to:

Dept. of Health Education and Training
ATTN: MCCS-HEI, CDR AMEDDC&S
1750 Greeley Rd, Suite 205
Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234-5075
FAX DSN 471-2832 or (210) 221-2832
Program Manager:
Roderick Kuwamoto, LTC Army Medical Specialist Corps
Commercial: (210) 295-9428
DSN: 421-9428
FAX: (210) 221-2832, DSN FAX: 471-2832
E-Mail: roderick.kuwamoto@cen.amedd.army.mil
<http://www.cs.amedd.army.mil/DHET/Spec.htm>

c. Army National Guard soldiers apply on National Guard Bureau (NGB) Form 64 and send to:

MSG Richard Eisenbart
Army National Guard Readiness Center
Office of the Army Surgeon (NSB-ARS)
111 South George Mason Drive
Arlington, Virginia 22204-1382
(703) 607-7145
DSN: 327-7145
FAX: (703) 607-7187

d. Army Reserve soldiers apply through unit training channels on DA Form 1058 to :

ARPERCOM
ATTN: ARPC-HS-OPS, Mr. Kositzke
1 Reserve Way
St. Louis MO 63132-5200
1-800-325-4729 Option 7 (314) 592-0444
FAX: (314) 592-0433
PROGRAM MANAGER: MSG Dale Turner
Phone: DSN: 471-0144
Commercial: (210) 221-0144
DSN FAX 471-2832, (210) 221-2832

7. POC is the undersigned at (W) 210-916-3598 or E-mail leonard.gruppo@amedd.army.mil.

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